

A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE BY _____

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL PART TWO, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA SO AS TO ENACT A NEW PART TWO, ARTICLE X, DIVISION 12, KNOWN AS "THE EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM" FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; CONSISTENT WITH CERTAIN FINDINGS BASED ON THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICES REPORT AND OTHER DATA RELATIVE TO THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO MINORITY- AND FEMALE-OWNED BUSINESSES IN THE ATLANTA REGION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is cognizant of the long history of discrimination against Minority- and Female-owned businesses in the Atlanta Region, and has previously enacted various programs to ensure equal opportunities for Minority- and Female-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta desires to be proactive in ensuring that economic opportunities in the Atlanta Region are equally available to all individuals or businesses, including Minority- and Female-owned businesses, regardless of race, gender or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, a study of available data, including data maintained by the City of Atlanta and other public agencies, data gathered from a survey of businesses in the Atlanta Region, and other commercially available data regarding the economic opportunities available to businesses in the Atlanta Region was conducted by Economic Research Services under the direction of Joan G. Haworth, Ph.D., concluding in the Economic Research Services Report dated October, 2000 (the "ERS Report"); and

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